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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

The development agenda is very much part of the overarching mission of the International Mediation Institute. For the past two years we have been developing international diplomatic standards to achieve actual impact to resolve political disputes as well as multilateral capacity building for neutral facilitation. Furthermore, International Mediation Institute has been at the center of thought leadership and technical assistance in the field of trade regimes investor state dispute settlement by working with the Energy Charter Treaty and the European Union (EU) Commission. Furthermore, International Mediation Institute is trending in its original contributions in the debates pertaining to global investment regimes such as the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), or those under negotiations such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

International Mediation Institute is committed to creating an ethical climate to regulate disputes in order to safeguard trade, development and sustainability goals. One of the fundamental methods towards these goals is to establish world class standards for qualifying and credentialing statesmen and diplomats, among others.

As such, International Mediation Institute representatives would like to partake in the upcoming session of the Economic and Social Council on "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results" and contribute to the High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development (HLPF). Specifically, International Mediation Institute believes it will positively contribute to the dialogue with international financial and trade organizations; the biennial Development Cooperation Forum; and offer its unique perspective in the discussion on "Infrastructure for sustainable development for all". International Mediation Institute applauds this year's theme of "Ensuring that no one is left behind".